

The Hongkong Telegraph.

No. 3328

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 4, 1893.

SIX DOLLARS
PER QUARTER

BANKS.

THE NATIONAL BANK OF CHINA,
LIMITED.

Authorised Capital \$1,000,000
Subscribed Capital \$500,000

HEAD OFFICE—“ONGKONG.”

Court of Directors—
D. Gillies, Esq. Chow Tung Shang, Esq.
Chan Kit Shan, Esq. W. Wotton, Esq.
C. J. Hirst, Esq. Kwan Ho Chuen, Esq.
Chief Manager, GEO. W. F. PLAYFAIR.

Branches—London, Yokohama, Shanghai,
Amoy and Fuchow.

RANKERS.—
The Commercial Bank of Scotland,
Parrs Banking Co. and the Alliance Bank (Ltd.)

Interest 5%—5% Fixed, 5% Cent.

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CURRENT ACCOUNTS 2 “

Hongkong, 12th December, 1892.

NEW ORIENTAL BANK CORPORATION,
LIMITED, (IN LIQUIDATION).

PAYMENT OF FIRST DIVIDEND.

NOTICE is hereby given that a FIRST DIVIDEND of 20 Per Cent. will be PAYABLE ON APPLICATION, at the Office of the NEW ORIENTAL BANK CORPORATION, LIMITED, IN LIQUIDATION, on and after the 16th inst. to all Cr. ditors whose CLAIMS have been received and admitted.

Deposit Receipts, Bills of Exchange, &c., must be handed in before the Dividend can be paid.

E. W. RUTTER,
Attorney for the Liquidator,
Hongkong, 3rd January, 1893.

PROTEINPS.

EXAMPLES OF THE COST
OF ASSURANCE TO A MAN AGED 30
NEXT BIRTHDAY.

£1,000 STG. payable at death, would
cost per quarter at the rate of:

£ 6 18 0 (a) If premiums are payable for
whole of life;

or £ 9 11 6 (b) If premiums are limited to 20
years;

or £ 11 4 6 (c) If premiums are limited to 15
years;

or £ 13 0 0 (d) If the Sum Assured is made
payable at age 50 or at
death if previous."

* Secured payments.

THE same provisions if commenced at age 40
n. b. would cost respectively (a) £8 15 0
(b) £11 5 0, (c) £13 2 4, (d) £17 0 8 per quarter.

DODWELL, CARLILL & CO.,
Agents,

679-41 STANDARD LIFE OFFICE

GENERAL NOTICE.

THE ON TAI INSURANCE COMPANY,
(LIMITED).

CAPITAL, TAELN. 100,000. £83,333-3-

RESERVE FUND 83,000.00

BOARD OF DIRECTORS.

LEE SING, Esq. LO YEE MUN, Esq.

LOU TAU SHU, Esq.

HEAD OFFICE—“ONGKONG”

Hongkong, 1st December, 1892.

NOTICE.

THE MAN IN INSURANCE COMPANY
LIMITED.

CAPITAL ONE MILLION £1,000,000.

The above Company is prepared to accept
MARINE RISKS at CURRENT RATES on Goods
&c. Policies granted to all Parts of the world
payable at any of its Agencies.

WOO LIN VIEN,
Sometime.

HEAD OFFICE.

No. 2, QUEEN'S ROAD WEST.

Hongkong, 1st February, 1892.

NOTICE.

MR. E. H. KIRCH has this Day been
admitted a PARTNER in our Firm.

EDWARD SCHILLHAAS & CO.,
Hongkong, China & Hamburg.

Hongkong, 1st January, 1893.

NOTICE.

MR. ADALBERT KORFF and Mr.
ARMIN HAUPt have been admitted
PARTNERS in our Firm from this date.

MELCHERS & CO.

Hongkong, 1st January, 1893.

NOTICE.

THE INTEREST AND RESPONSIBILITY
of M. MARCUS AARON SOPHIE R. in
our Firm in HONGKONG and CHINA, CEASED
on the 31st December, 1892.

S. J. DAVID & CO.

Hongkong, 3rd January, 1893.

NOTICE.

WE have this Day Established ourselves at
the place as MERCHANTS and COM-
MISSIONAGENTS under the Style of LAUTS,
WEGENER & CO.

JOHAN THEODOR LAUTS,
OSCAR WEGENER,

FRANZHEINRICH LUDER HAESLOOP,

Praha Central, 16.

Hongkong, 1st January, 1893.

NOTICE.

MR. OSCAR WEGENER has been
admitted this Day a PARTNER in our
Firm.

LAUTS & HAESLOOP.

NOTICE.

MR. JOHN HUGHES LEWIS is AUTHO-
RISED to Sign our Firm from this
date.

DOUGLAS LAPRAIK & CO.,

Hongkong, 20th December, 1892.

Intimations.

SINGING AND PIANO.

SIGNOR CATTANEO, having RETURNED
from Europe, has pleasure in informing
the Community that he will be in a position to
RESUME TEACHING in a few days.

Apply to No. 6, CHANCERY LANE, or
Messrs. KELLY & WALSH,
Hongkong, 3rd January, 1893.

THE MARINBURK FURNITURE
COMPANY, LIMITED,
(IN LIQUIDATION).

IMPORTANT NOTICE.

BY ORDER OF THE LIQUIDATOR.

IN CONSEQUENCE of the letting of this Com-
pany's Business as a going concern and
the removal of the Business and Machinery to
other premises—and the consequent Closing of
this Liquidation—the following Volumes of
Valuable Stock of this Company's well-known
FURNITURE, TAPESTRY, PLUSHES,
HARDWARE, GLASS, MARBLE, and
UPHOLSTERY MATERIALS
will be offered for Sale privately at
GREATLY REDUCED PRICES MARKED IN
PLAIN FIGURES.

Any length of Covering Fringes, &c., will be cut
and Pattern Books sent for inspection.

SALE FOR 4 DAYS ONLY
FROM 9TH OF JANUARY, 1893.

Offers are invited for a portion of the Valuable
Woodworking Plant, which is nearly new and
in first class order, of which particulars will be
given on application.

The Stock and Machinery may be seen at the
COMPANY'S FACTORY, 122, Wanchai Road (near
No. 2 Police Station); any week day from 7 A.M.
to 5 P.M. (excluding from 12 to 1) upon application
on the Premises to

A. SMITH,
Manager.

Hongkong, 31st December, 1892.

THE MIKE COAL MINING COMPANY.

THE MIKE COAL is a
BITUMINOUS COAL

of dark reddish colour. For steam purposes
it has been pronounced to be the best and the
most economical of all the Japanese Coals. Its
export is increasing yearly, and the opinions
expressed by several of the largest regular
consumers are in testimony of the excellent
qualities of this coal.

Attention is called to the following advantages to
Ships' Owners and Captains, who coal their
bunkers direct from the Undersigned:—

FRESHNESS of the coal.

UNIFORMITY of quality.

FREEDOM from impurities.

Supply in any quantity on shortest notice.

Quick despatch.

BEST of weight, etc., etc.

MITSUI BUSSAN KAISHA,
Sole Agents.

Hongkong, 5th September, 1892.

SAI-PANG COALS.

THE Undersigned begs to inform the Public
that he has appointed HOP-WO-LOONG
as Agents in Hongkong for the Sale of the
SAI-PANG COALS of the HONDO COAL MINES,
Japan.

KONOMI TAKASUKE,
Owner of the Hondo Coal Mines.

We the Undersigned are ready to supply
COALS of the above Mines and
quality guaranteed, in any quantity, with the
quickest despatch.

HOP-WO-LOONG:
Agents for the Hondo Coal Mines,
Nos. 35 & 37, Praya Central,
Hongkong, 16th August, 1892.

KING WO CHEONG.

COAL MERCHANTS, SHIP'S COMPRA-
DORES, STEVEDORES, &c.

Have for Sale a cargo of pure AKAIKI COAL,
ex S.S. "LENNOX."

MR. J. W. ROYD, Superintendent at
Kowloon Dock, reports that AKAIKI
COAL GIVES TEN PER CENT. BETTER
RESULTS than any Japanese Coal he has ever used.

For full particulars as to price, &c.,
Apply to

KING WO CHEONG,
No. 32, Praya Central.

Hongkong, 17th November, 1892.

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KELLY & WALSH, LTD.

A FEW BOOKS SUITABLE FOR NEW YEAR'S PRESENTS.

DRAWING ROOM BOOKS & STANDARD WORKS.

Thackeray's Works, 12 vols. 1*call extra*—\$40.
Charlotte Bronte's Works—7 vols. 1*call*—\$22.

JUVENILE BOOKS.

Bound Volumes of Boys' Own Annual, Girls'
Own Annual, Chatterbox, Little Folks, St.
Nicholas Magazine, Atlantic, Little Wide
Awake, Bo Peep, Bright Eyes, &c.

SCHOOL FOR SCANDAL, by L. Rossi—\$15.00.

Tennyson's Poetical Works—Illustrated quartos
edition in Morocco binding—\$7.50.

Morocco Bound Editions of Shelley, Longfellow,
Whittier, Shakespeare, Byron, Burns, Milton,
Wordsworth, Scott, Hood, Poets of the Nine-
teenth Century, Gems of National Poetry—
\$3 each.

Chas. Dickens' Works—Complete Illustrated
Edition 21 vols. 1*call*, elegant—\$75.

Ruskin's Works in 12 volumes, containing—
Modern Painters, Stones of Venice, Seven
Lamps of Architecture, Lectures on Art,
Arlindo Florentina, &c.—\$25.

The Humboldt Library—16 vols. in cloth, con-
taining over 100 Standard Works by Modern
Writers of Eminence including Darwin's
Origin of Species, Darwin's Descent of Man,
Tyndall's Fragments of Science, &c.—\$60.

Hongkong, 20th December, 1892.

THE HONGKONG TELEGRAPH, WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 4, 1893.

Entertainments.

GINGER ALE.

We have always made good GINGER ALE, and we are now making the best. At various exhibitions and competitions in London and elsewhere, GINGER ALE made by the formula we now use has won 32 PRIZE MEDALS and CERTIFICATES OF MERIT.

In 1890 competed and won against FOUR of the most famed Belfast makers.

The Analyst's report:

"It is of exceptionally good quality."

"Particularly pleasant to the taste."

"Decidedly tonic and sustaining."

"In every respect most satisfactory."

ARTHUR HILL HASSALL, M.D.

The ideal temperance beverage.

DAKIN, CRUCKSHANK & CO., LTD.
Victoria Dispensary,
Queen's Road Central.
Hongkong, 17th October, 1891.

A. S. WATSON & CO., LTD.
THE HONGKONG DISPENSARY.

HIGH CLASS CONFECTI ON E R Y

CHOCOLATE CREMES, VANILLA PRA-LINES, SUGARED ALMONDS, BURNT ALMONDS, NOUGAT, JUJUBES, TURKISH DELIGHT,

PARISIANS,

&c., &c., &c.

DELICIOUS FRUIT JELLIES.
ASSORTED PINEAPPLE, LIME, DAMSON, GUAVA, RASPBERRY, STRAWBERRY, PLUM, &c.

CALLARD AND BOWSER'S BUTTER SCOTCH, ALMOND ROCK and EVERTON TOFFEE.

CADBURY'S CHOCOLATES
in great variety.

CRYSTALLIZED FRUITS, MUSCATELS, ALMONDS AND FIGS.

FANCY BOXES.
A large and varied Assortment of ARTISTIC DESIGNS.

NEW YEAR CARDS

ENGLISH, JAPANESE and CHINESE.
A splendid selection.

TOM SMITH'S CRACKERS,
A LARGE AND WELL ASSORTED STOCK.

A. S. WATSON & CO., LTD.
THE HONGKONG DISPENSARY,
ESTABLISHED A.D. 1841.
Hongkong, 30th December, 1892.

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HONGKONG, WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 4, 1893.

OFFICIAL SALARIES.

The programme of to-morrow's Legislative Council meeting makes no mention of Official Salaries, so that presumably the subject is not to be revived at present; but as the great fight on this question has not yet been decided, and might at any time—must, sooner or later—reach the critical point, we beg leave to recapitulate the leading features of the problem, in concise form, in case Mr. O'Barr should again forget the facts and wander off into figures, fiction, poetry, and recrimination.

The simple facts are that during the Governorship of Sir W. R. Vaux, three or four years ago, there was an unspeakably insanx boom in Hongkong, which infected everybody in the Colony—not one or two speculators, or a few share gamblers, but everybody in Hongkong. Life is too short to relate the thousands of mad things we did. Hardly a sane act can be recalled in that period. One result of the boom was that the price of land went up—far beyond its normal value, and in a few phenomenal cases as much as, possibly, 100 or 150 per cent. This, at any rate, was stated to be the amount of the rise, though now, in days of sober adversity, every one knows how utterly false and exaggerated it was. Anyhow, the Unofficial Members in Council thought that the rise in land, in cost of living, and in prices all round called for a rise in Official Salaries; but, chiefly the increase in rents was their reason. A Commission was appointed—practically all the residents in Hongkong had lost their reason during the boom, as it matters little that the commission was composed mostly of idiots—and the Commission reported in favour of increase of salaries. The Council had a vote for 20 per cent. increase, and the Secretary of State, after

some hesitation, and apparently in a dubious frame of mind, sanctioned the vote, emphasising the fact that it was only on account of the boom in prices—of land principally; and that whenever the boom should collapse, the salaries should be cut down to a reasonable figure. Now, where is the boom?

This is briefly the history of the Official Salaries question, which Mr. O'Barr and Governor—Rosson, freshmen of the freshest type, cannot of course be expected to grasp completely all at once, and naturally prefer to ignore as long as possible, in the interests of their own pockets. But that is no reason why any official, however hard working, should make himself obnoxious and hateful; there is no need for any unpleasantness at all. No amount of poetry or peevishness can alter the facts, nor persuade a people whose knowledge is complete and whose mind is made up. No amount of figure-juggling, nor even apparently conclusive statistics, can disprove the fact that the boom is burst, and the delusion is dead. Even the most brilliant orator cannot revive a stone-dead boom; but there is another thing which Mr. O'Brien is doing; he is sharpening, with the rough edge of his nasty tongue, the weapon that will be fatal to him. Crown Colonies are governed under a system which gives the officials absolute power—only as long as the Unofficials are willing to sit in the Council and be out-voted. For some inexplicable reason they have done so for an unreasonably long time; but even the worm will turn, and even the invertebrate jellyfish sting. The policy of the present Government seems, hitherto, to have been one of deliberate and gratuitous provocation of carefully prepared insults of eager malice. Every precaution is taken not to approach the delicate ground of sober argument on questions which can only be answered in one way. It will be interesting to know how much the Unofficials will weekly endure before playing their trump card.

TELEGRAMS.

PROBABLE TERMINATION OF THE LANCSHIRE STRIKE.

LONDON, January 2nd, 1893.

Owing to the rise in the price of cotton, there is a prospect of the Lancashire strike being terminated shortly.

CHARTERED MERCANTILE BANK.

At a meeting of the shareholders of the Chartered Mercantile Bank of India London and China it was agreed that the new Bank be registered as a limited liability company.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

MAILS Due:—
Bombay (Burmese) 5th Inst.

EXTREMES Meet.—The newest kind of a shoe says an exchange, has a ventilated toe. So has the oldest.

Rev. Missions.—Are you prepared to meet your end?

Mrs Gay.—Oh, Doctor, I'm not a contortionist!

THERE are some people in the church who would hurt the devil's cause a great deal if they were to leave it.

FREE Dealer—Can I sell you a nice green turtle to-day, mam? Mrs. Newbridge—No; but if you have any ripe ones I'll take a couple.

AT the Magistrate this morning Luigi Delsello was brought up on remand charged with stealing Dr. Prato's pearls, and was further remanded a week.

A FOOTBALL match under Association rules was played on Monday afternoon between the teams of H.M.S. *Swift* and H.M.S. *Impressions*, resulting in a victory for the former by one goal to nil.

THE Canadian Pacific Railway Co.'s Royal mail steamer *Empress of Japan*, from Hongkong, arrived at Kobe yesterday at 11 p.m., and left again at noon to-day, for Vancouver, via Yokohama.

AN Emergency meeting of St. John Lodge, No. 618, S.C., will be held in Freemasons' Hall, Zetland Street, on Saturday, the 7th instant, at 5 for 5.30 p.m. precisely. Visiting brethren are cordially invited.

AT Colmar Germany, a lawyer bequeathed the sum of 100,000 francs to the madhouse in that city. "I earned this money," said he in his will, "from those who spent their lives in lawsuits, fiction, poetry, and recrimination."

THE artist who wrote the above is very clearly the man to succeed Tennyson as Poet Laureate. This legacy is only a restitution."

LOOKING Ahead.—Henry inquired the anxious wife, "What doctor shall I call?" "Send for Dr. Squilane," replied the sick husband feebly. "He's a courtly old fellow's daughter, and old Bullion is chairman of the life insurance company I'm insured in."

Mother (to her old maid daughter)—Why, Jules, what do you mean by reading the family Bible in that way? You are scratching out figures in the family record and interning others. Jules—It is a record of my birth, isn't it?

"Yes, it is."

"Well, I'm lowering the record."

THE Bond of the 1st Shropshire Light Infantry will play the following programme at the Ladies Recreation Club to-morrow:

March.—"Our Guards"—William Boag.

Selection.—"For the Rake of the Past." Tim Maitland.

Selection.—"To Rose." W. W. Williams.

Selection.—"Toccata." Suppe.

Cadogan—"Pell-mell."

Aggregating 6,455 tons register.

In reference to a paragraph which we reproduced from the North China *Daily News* regarding the "mysterious disappearance" of Mr. George Prentiss, of the China Island Mission, we are informed that there must be some mistake, as it was perfectly well known in Shanghai that Mr. Prentiss was desirous of going home on account of the infirmities he had gone through in the interior of China, in consequence of which his health was much shattered. On his arrival from Shanghai on Saturday the 24th, Mr. Perrie, the Mission Director, sent him home, at the C. I. M. people must have known, and left Shanghai on Sunday the 25th, Mr. Perrie, the steamer *Marco Polo*, arriving here on Tuesday night at 10 p.m. He spent Tuesday night at Hongkong, and left for Scotland the following day (Wednesday), by the French Mail steamer *Safely*. His friends up North will be glad to learn that he is quite safe, and has got along to Shanghai.

EXPERIMENTS show the German rifle to be the most merciful weapon in use in European armies, while the Lebel rifle, used by the French in Dahomey, makes a very ragged wound. The new English magazine rifle seems to be the greatest of the three, as its bullet smashes bones and tears flesh at a distance of 1000 yards.

THOUGHTFUL TOMMY.—"Tommy, I hear your master whipped you at school to-day." "Yes, but he's getting old and weak, so it didn't hurt." "Did you cry?" "Oh, didn't I just! I bawled so that you could have heard me in the next street." "Why did you do that, Tommy?" "Oh, I only wanted to make the old gentleman feel happy."

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YESTERDAY afternoon Detective Green paid a visit to Mr. Kuan Chung, 39 Frasier Central, who was busy just then writing *etc.* to the Police Court this morning, mentioned that this was his second performance, and as he had not \$100 to spare, said he had no objection to stay three

A well-known American paper claims to have solved the problem of getting men to go to church. If they were permitted to go, says the *Transcript*, in all the glory of the Knight Templar's regalia, with plumed hat and laced coat and gilt trappings, they would not be only willing but anxious to be seen of men in the public assembly on the Sabbath.

ALL-ROUND Extravagance—"So you think your son's wife extravagant?" "Extravagant is not a name for it. She won't have anything crooked over; she won't have a dress mended, always has a new one; she gives away what would keep a family, and now she has capped the climax of her extravagance." "In what way?" "She has just had twins."

From the confession of Miller, the Kobe "Vanishing Act" artist, which we reproduce in another column from the *Chronicle* of that city, it almost appears as if "Brownie's" friend Edmunds, who was going to do great things in the coolie trade with British Colonies, etc., etc., early last year, had been a fraud from beginning to end.

APPEARANCES are very deceiving. A little boy at the New York Casino, who noticed the gentlemen looking through their opera glasses at the ballet dancers, and being of the opinion that the opera glasses were for an entirely different purpose, said: "Mamma, buy me one of those things so I can cover up my eyes with them when those women come on the stage."

ONE who has experienced insomnia found a cure for it in the practice of going over the body with a fish glove—a quick, dry, vigorous hand-rubbing—before going to bed.

A geranium leaf applied to a bruise is healing.

All kinds of cooked fish can be served with salads. Lettuce is the best green salad to serve, but all cooked and cold vegetables go well with fish.

Tea and coffee kept in glass fruit jars instead of tin boxes is much improved in flavor.

Old newspapers make the best of house-cleaning material. They are excellent for cleaning windows, "just the thing" for scouring woodwork and unglazed for cleaning brass and silverware.

Drain pipes and all places that are sour or impure may be cleaned with lime water or carbolic acid.

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THE HONGKONG TELEGRAPH, WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 4, 1893.

the Yeh-hama Spec' Bark, at exchange of 2s. 10d. or 2s. 10f., with instructions to withdraw the money at my request, which request would be made as soon as the rate had gone down to, say, 2s. 9d. or 2s. 9f., such saving a gain of one penny to the dollar, or on £500 of about £5. or over £500. This transaction, repeated several times, would have covered my previous loss. In answer to your inquiries, I received, however, a reply that the drafts had not been honoured in London, and that the amount £500 was therefore unavailable. I knew of course that such a large sum of money could not be missing without the discovery being made, and as soon as I received the telegram informing me that payments of the drafts had been refused in London, I lost my head entirely, and, unable to think of any other way to stave off the consequences of my deed, I absconded.

"The money, which I remitted is still in the hands of the bank at London, and I am now ready to do every thing in my power to have this sum repaid to the C. & J. T. Co., as soon as possible. My intention was not at any time to embezzle this sum of money. I intended to use it for the purpose of a visitation and no other, and by way of restitution I am only too anxious to see the money returned to the rightful owners at once. Though I wrote a full and complete confession of the matter to Mr. Posch, the manager of the C. & J. T. Co., in which I expressed the greatest remorse I feel at my misdeed, I cannot conclude this without making a like statement of my feelings here. To say that I am very sad and ashamed can hardly express my regrets, which are so great and sincere that, no matter what happens, not long will ever make me swear again. My eyesight is now failing me rapidly. I am nearly blind in the right eye, but trust to God that the sight of the left one will be preserved, bad as it is now, so that I may be able to earn bread for myself and family. I have no staff here to support me, and the law will inflict upon me the punishment which the law will inflict upon me. I hope that after I have paid back all the money, or nearly all of it, to the C. & J. T. Company, my prosecutors will be satisfied, and also cause the Court which will have to punish me to be lenient to me, for after all I am not a confirmed criminal, who must be kept from contact with the outer world for the sake of other people and the safety of their property. I have borne the character of an honest man during all the years that I have been in China and Japan, and criminal as it may appear, my present state is one more of misfortune than anything else—a combination as it were of everything against me, bringing home the fact that one dishonest deed, no matter how small, can not be covered, by another, as I tried to do.

"I have no desire to evade justice any longer, but am anxious to return to Japan to make restitution to those whom I have injured, and will willingly accompany any escort which the authorities may appoint for that purpose.

"I therefore beg most humbly that all further unnecessary legal or diplomatic negotiations be stopped at once, and that I may be sent back to Japan as soon as possible.

"And lastly I declare this declaration of my own free will, from a desire of honesty, and I express the hope that it will be accepted by all concerned as given in the most humble and repentant spirit.

CHAR. E. MAYER,
"Sourabaya, November 22nd, 1892."

"CONSULATE OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,
SOURABAYA, Nov. 22nd, 1892.

"I certify that the foregoing is the true and genuine signature of C. E. Mayer, having been signed in my presence this 22nd day of Nov., 1892.

R. M. POWELL,
"Acting Consul Agent."

"I certify the signature at the foot of the preceding page to be that of R. M. Powell, Acting Consul Agent of the United States of America, at Sourabaya.

M. S. DAVIDS,
"Acting British Vice Consul,"

"British Vice Consulate, Sourabaya, this twenty-fourth day of November, 1892."

This document having been read, his Honour asked a question whether he demanded signing it, and receiving a reply in the affirmative, formally committed him for trial. The accused, who looked very ill, was then removed to the Municipal Gaol. The date of the trial has not yet been fixed, but it will most probably take place on Friday or Saturday next week. Mr. A. Tison will conduct the prosecution for the People of the United States.

A TRIP UP THE POYANG.

BY E. S. L.

VI.

At daybreak on the 29th of November we were again under way, and soon passed Yuhuang, the anchorage we were trying to make on the previous night. A small collection of mud shanties perched high up in the bank constituted the village; below were anchored a fleet of fishing boats and the ubiquitous gun-junks. We travelled for many miles through low-lying ground which is flooded in the summer and which is comprised within the Poyang Lake, but now there are but only numerous rivers and islands in every direction.

At the mouth of the Kedinglang river is situated the busy and thriving market town of Shuibing. Here we sold between 500 and 600 books and tracts. One busy countryman followed me on the street, very insolent and provoking. He attempted to tear away my tract, then seized my coat and finally made a grab at my hat, all the time shouting objectionable remarks.

At last I had more than I wanted and saw it was necessary to stop him or I might have a small row on my hands. So standing apart I surveyed my tormentor a while and then remarked to a respectable bystander in a loud voice in the hearing of all, "I saw this young man is a mad man and does not know what he is doing." He replied that he was not mad, but an ignorant countryman, and the crowd raised a laugh on him and he made the best of his way out and disappeared, and I saw no more of him, much to my own satisfaction. A few more individual troubles had to be disposed of and then I had no more disturbance.

We left here at 4 p.m. and at night anchored at Moshaw, a little place 30 miles up the stream. The next morning Wukuan, 30 miles further up, was reached. Here we learned that we could proceed no further because of the shallows. We therefore hired a sampot with two men to row us up the dyke to take us 50 miles to Yukan Hsieh. We had not gone more than 5 miles when our boat engaged the attention of our faithful boatmen, and, lured with the prospect of more money, they told us we had arrived, and that the river did not go any further and so on. After severely rating them for this kind of conduct and refusing to pay them a single cent, we left them; the day was now so far spent and there being no chance of making the Hsieh when we had a distance on foot to Kinkung, a market town, and for several hours sold hundreds of books and tracts and preached. I was much annoyed by a couple of youngsters who followed me around and, when I was talking to a crowd would charge in behind and then skip off. They thought my head was fair game and my hat a good target, so commenced pitchng and shoving at it. At last my patience was worn out and I had to shoot at them that I

would give them a sound thrashing if they did that any more, and I was thus rid of a nuisance. Some shopkeepers were very polite and kind, inviting us in to drink tea and have a chat. One man wanted me to open a chapel in the place and offered to sell or let a house for this purpose.

This country scenery is made very pretty by large groves, plantations of tall trees, covering many acres; these were full of men and children gathering the berries. They made lively for us on one or two occasions when passing through the orchards. Their sharp knives on the end of long bamboo poles would be dangerous instruments if they had been viciously disposed to use them against us. But with a good many hard names and much jangling laughter we were allowed to pass on.

Numbers of people came on our boat to take a view. They asked the most ridiculous questions. The cooking stove particularly attracted their attention and took quite a little explanation to prove to them that this was not the engine that drove the boat. The mast and sail did not seem sufficient to speak for themselves. They wondered whether we could sail up with a head wind, and how many miles an hour we could make.

Just opposite to where our boat was anchored was a fine lime tree. I thought twenty-one large bunches which we picked off the tree ourselves for ready cash. We noticed a great quantity of palm-like trees with large ripe fruit hanging on them. They are very good and very cheap, it being possible to purchase two for a cent. We bought quite a number, at this price and took them to Kinkung. In Kinkung the price of this fruit is from 8 to 10 cents each, this dear price being because the fruit comes from Canton, I presume. It seems strange that some enterprising Chinaman does not come up to this part of the country and take a boatload down for sale, it would pay him well. Beside us were anchored boats loading all kinds of paper and rice for Kukang, Hankow and other places. On the 1st December we went to Tai-tai Kuan-kuan. Every third day these little towns have their market days when the deserted little streets are filled to overflowing with people from all the country for miles around. And not only do the streets become full but the great open quays in front and rear of the village are crowded with clamouring, barking crowds. It is a sight worth seeing to watch the people from every direction flocking in along every dyke and road and waterway towards the temporary centre of commerce. Thousands thus come together. Towards evening the busy hum ceases, the squares and streets become again deserted, and the usual quiet hundrum sleepiness sets in till the next market day comes round. After working here for an hour we tramped the twenty odd miles to Yukan Hsieh over low-lying country which is all inundated at high water. The approach to the Hsieh is very pretty, and the purple, lime, and oranges trees laden with their rich fruit add much to the scenery. The city is without walls and built on the side of a solitary hill standing out of the plain. We entered what is, by compliment, called the West Gate, which consists however of a stone archway without any attempt at gate or any kind of barrier. A short distance inside the gate there is a fine piece of stone work of some kind of green stone in huge slabs and in the shape of a *poulo*. At the base are large green stone lions, two on either side and on the top a long row of finely carved figures of the same material. The city bears a most poverty-stricken and woe-begone appearance. There is not a single fine shop in the city. We found that the magistrate was on the point of being married and near the *ymants* the streets were decorated with gaudily painted paper lanterns and a large building was filled with guests who were oxen and drinking to the happy pair's health to the tune of two trumpets who with dislocated cheeks were blowing forth the most discordant sounds. We soon afterwards met the official going through the streets in his chair carried by four ragged opium-smoking bearers. He had no soldiers, nor regumans bearing boards and umbrellas and no one bearing the official drum. I presume there was every need to practise economy. The bearers, were so startled when we suddenly came across them that there was a momentary danger of depositing His Excellency in the mud. There seemed to be only three or four rice shops and a couple of tea shops in the town, but the rice shops had no rice and the tea shops had no tea. No one would sell us food and no one would take us in; we were famished with hunger and tired with our long tramp but there was nothing for it but to commence at once to preach and to sell our books and tracts. The crowd was very thick and followed us wherever we went. We sold our books quite rapidly. Finally we entered a shop and sat down uninvited and most decidedly unwelcome, to eat the oil cakes, sweet potatos and oranges which we had purchased on the street. A surging mass of people surrounded us and when we went away the landlord was not to be found and the landlady would not come near us, but finally I persuaded their child to accept some books and some cash for the privilege of sitting in their doorway.

Toward a nightfall we left the hospitable city and walked 10 miles to Liu-kuin, where we had a long harangue before we could get a boat; at last we persuaded the boatman that there was no fear, that we were not devils and we had no sinister designs against him or any of his countrymen. They could not be persuaded that our native brethren were really Chinese and fellow provincials with themselves. In spite of our discomfit it was amusing to watch the graphic gestures of our assistant as he took off his hat and appealed to his *guise* that he was a Chinaman. After a great hullabaloo and the offer of 400 cash for a hour's work he consented and we reached our boat thoroughly tattered out at 9 o'clock at night. —C. C. DOLY NURS.

SOOCHOW.

December 27th.

The young American bicyclist Long has passed through this city. He came from Shanghai via Keding and Kweisan. Ignorant of the road for horsemen he had a rough ride from Keding across country to Kweisan. From Kweisan to Soochow there is a good tow-path, which is just now as hard as a floor. He spent one night only between Shanghai and Soochow, and he passed this night under a straw-covered shelter built to protect a farmer's buffaloes from the sun. As this shelter is merely a straw roof supported upon bamboo poles, he found it uncomfortably cold. He left Soochow on Monday, the 26th inst.—He proposes to go to Chinkiang along the Grand Canal, and ought to be heard from the 10th of January. On reaching Soochow he found his way to the telegraph office. The English-speaking operator directed him to the house of the Rev. Dr. Parker, by whom he was kindly entertained.

THE WILD CAT COLUMN.

The security for one overdrawn account in the Australian Banking Co. was a patent for a berceuse.

Directors in N.S.W. too often regard the manager's report as "copy" that requires

sub-editing. Generally it is only the good reports that are published in N.S.W.

One of the morals deducible from the Australian Banking Co. prosecution is that no defendant who stands any chance of being committed for trial should disclose his defence at the lower court.

A series of mining warrants' reports concerning the N.S.W. Northern goldfields have been published, and in almost all we notice that while the yields are correct the prospects of the mines are exaggerated and the reefs very considerably enlarged.

Notwithstanding that there are but few Chinese at Newcastle, N.S.W., nine legal marriages between yellow men and white women have recently celebrated there. The Caucasian is evidently played out. The white-man will perhaps cease howling in the "cawse" of capital.

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should be sufficiently elastic to allow of capital innocently subscribed to work a mining swindle being placed, say, in one or more Tattersalls' 100,000 sweeps. By that means there would be a chance of the victimized subscribers getting some of their money back; there is certainly one working the mine. More than one last call man has piteously enquired "Might not something rich, yet be struck if they go deep enough?" The Bulletin admits the "might" and "if." Exactly the same thing might occur in any man's backyard. Even a "salted" mine might turn out really rich.

Mr. Goliath evidently had a narrow escape from Bright's disease, a malady very common among all classes in England, and one of the surest and most direct proofs of torpid liver, itself a symptom of indigestion and dyspepsia. We mention this case not to put money in anybody's pocket, but for the sake of the sufferers who need help—no matter what it comes from. [Add.]

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Hongkong, 2nd May, 1892. [480]

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Hongkong, 1st September, 1892. [29]

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Amoy, 1st September, 1892. [28]

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Hongkong, 25th October, 1892. [814]

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Hongkong, 19th December, 1892. [1264]

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Hongkong, 23rd August, 1892. [125]

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Hongkong, 14th November, 1892. [37]

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W. BREWER,
UNDER HONGKONG HOTEL. [40]

Hongkong, 4th January, 1893.

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R. TUCKER
Manager. [18]

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Hongkong, 3rd January, 1893. [1]

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Chefoo, 21st December, 1892. [58]

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